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- a. Telish (near Plovdiv). A considerable number of heavy bombers and trans-
port planes, with a few fighters, are stationed here. A new Bulgarian
bomber unit uses this field.
- b. Gorna Orehovitsa - Soviet and Bulgarian fighters and bombers are stationed
at this field.
- c. Gebedze (near Varna). This seaplane base, reportedly the largest on the
Black Sea, is located on a small river island.
- d. Dobrich - Only fighter planes are stationed at this field. The latest type
Soviet fighters, equipped with Diesel motors, have been observed here. The
largest Bulgarian training school, commanded by Russians and using only
Russian instructors, is located at this field.
- e. Yambol - Soviet and Bulgarian planes are stationed at this field.
- f. Bozhurishte (near Sofia) - Used only for training.
- g. Novoseltzi (near Bozhurishte) - This base is controlled by the Russians.
- h. Kazanlik (Karlovo) - A large army and air base is located between these
towns. The army base is the most important in Bulgaria. These bases are
under Soviet control.
- i. Bankya (near Sofia) - A large underground depot for air bombs has been
constructed in this village.

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